



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL JAMES T. SILVA

Colonel James T. Silva commands the 8th Maintenance Group at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. As commander, he's responsible for the daily flying and maintenance operations, intermediate level maintenance, component repair and maintenance training for a combat wing with 36 permanently assigned F-16 jet aircraft. He controls and allocates resources, directs the activities of more than 1,200 personnel, manages an annual budget of more than \$40 million and develops and implements plans to meet wing operational taskings.

Colonel Silva earned his commission after graduating from the Air Force Academy in May 1980. During his career, he's served on the flightline and backshops as well as on the Air Staff and Special Operations Command staff. He's been a squadron commander and deputy operations group commander. The colonel previously served as the 982nd Training Group commander at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.



EDUCATION

- 1980 Bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering, Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1980 Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course, Chanute AFB, Ill.
- 1985 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1988 Master of science degree in logistics management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 1994 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1998 Air War College by seminar
- 2001 Master of science degree in national resource strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1980 – December 1980, student, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Chanute AFB, Ill.
2. December 1980 – February 1984, assistant officer in charge, 389th and 390th Aircraft Maintenance Units; officer-in-charge, accessory maintenance branch, and assistance maintenance supervisor, 366th Component Repair Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
3. February 1984 – May 1987, maintenance supervisor, 4450th Maintenance Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
4. May 1987 – September 1988, graduate student, School of Systems and Logistics, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
5. October 1988 – October 1992, project manager, maintenance procedures division, and chief, maintenance initiatives division, director of maintenance, Air Force Logistics Management Center, Gunter Annex, Ala.
6. October 1992 – July 1993, maintenance supervisor, 432nd Maintenance Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
7. August 1993 – June 1994, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

8. July 1994 – July 1997, squadron maintenance officer, 14th Fighter Squadron, commander, 35th Maintenance Squadron, and later deputy operations group commander for maintenance, 35th Operations and Logistics groups, Misawa AB, Japan
9. July 1997 – August 2000, chief, personnel and training section, and chief, base maintenance policy section, directorate of maintenance, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. August 2000 – June 2001, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2001 – May 2003, chief, joint intelligence and information systems logistics, chief, joint logistics automation branch, and later deputy chief, weapons systems support division, Directorate of Logistics, Special Operations Acquisition and Logistics Center, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
12. June 2003 – June 2005, commander, 982nd Training Group, Sheppard AFB, Texas
13. June 2005 – present, commander, 8th Maintenance Group, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with four oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second lieutenant May 28, 1980

First lieutenant May 28, 1982

Captain May 28, 1984

Major June 1, 1992

Lieutenant colonel July 1, 1997

Colonel Nov. 1, 2002